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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20857-0003

Re: Docket No. 98N-1265

To The FDA:

I am sending this letter as a consumer of health care services to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the right of the physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's needs. As a health care consumer there should be no restrictions to the delivery of compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I live or travel.

I receive a medication compounded by the Women's International Pharmacy in Wisconsin and I live in the State of Illinois. This service is not available to me in Illinois. I will not take pharmaceuticals manufactured by the major drug companies because of their composition, side effects and their "one size fits all" dosage. The Memorandum of Understanding must be amended!

The FDA is an agency of the U.S. Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for consumer safety. This is not a safety issue and as a government agency supported by me has a responsibility to be accountable to me and others. Please amend the MOU!

Sincerely,



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